

CONCEPT PAPER: POTENTIAL STRUCTURE OF A CAPITAL CITY CHILD CARE CONSORTIUM

**(Created pursuant to the authorization in
section 110.151(6), Florida Statutes)**

- § A work-site child care consortium would be created by interlocal agreement under Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, among the Department of Financial Services (the "Department"), Leon County (the "County"), the City of Tallahassee (the "City"), and Calhoun Street Downtown Babies, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, ("Downtown Babies") (collectively referred to as the "Consortium Participants"). Such consortium would establish, operate and maintain work site child care centers within downtown Tallahassee.
- § The mission of the Capital City Child Care Consortium would be to provide unmet child care needs within the downtown areas of the State capital on a scattered site basis for employees of the Department, the City, the County and, as available, to the private sector. The goal would be to provide effective and quality child care services on a collaborative basis at or near the work-site of the Consortium Participants.
- § The Consortium Participants would provide the following funds, services, and facilities to implement and operate the Capital City Child Care Consortium:
1. Make available existing space for the establishment of full service child development centers and scattered site infant rooms.
 2. Provide funds for renovation of available space that is identified or provide rent subsidies to enhance financial feasibility.
 3. Provide financial assistance in the startup of new full-service childcare centers or scattered site infant rooms.
 4. Downtown Babies would operate and manage the full-time child care facilities and the scattered site infant rooms consistent with established guidelines and criteria established by the Consortium Participants.
- § The Capital City Child Care Consortium would be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of one member appointed by each Consortium Participant. The Board of Directors would review and approve child care standards to be used by Downtown Babies and establish the child care rate to be paid by each Consortium Participant and the private sector for such services.

- § It is anticipated that the child care rate established for each Consortium Participant would be based upon a pro-rata share of the anticipated annual operations budget adjusted in consideration the value of the facilities or funding contribution provided by such Participant. The child care rate for the private sector would not include any adjustment.
- § In addition to the establishment of full service childcare centers in available State and office facilities, it is contemplated that the Capital City Child Care Consortium would establish scattered site worksite infant rooms where the childcare need and available space is identified.

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110.151 State officers' and employees' child care services.--

(1) The Department of Management Services shall approve, administer, and coordinate child care services for state officers' and employees' children or dependents. Duties shall include, but not be limited to, reviewing and approving requests from state agencies for child care services; providing technical assistance on child care program startup and operation; and assisting other agencies in conducting needs assessments, designing centers, and selecting service providers. Primary emphasis for child care services shall be given to children who are not subject to compulsory school attendance pursuant to part II of chapter 1003, and, to the extent possible, emphasis shall be placed on child care for children aged 2 and under.

(2) Child care programs may be located in state-owned office buildings, educational facilities and institutions, custodial facilities and institutions, and, with the consent of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in buildings or spaces used for legislative activities. In addition, centers may be located in privately owned buildings conveniently located to the place of employment of those officers and employees to be served by the centers. If a child care program is located in a state-owned office building, educational facility or institution, or custodial facility or institution, or in a privately owned building leased by the state, a portion of the service provider's rental fees for child care space may be waived by the sponsoring agency in accordance with the rules of the Department of Management Services. Additionally, the sponsoring state agency may be responsible for the maintenance, utilities, and other operating costs associated with the child care center.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the cost of child care services shall be offset by fees charged to employees who use the child care services. Requests for proposals may provide for a sliding fee schedule, with fees charged on the basis of the employee's household income.

(4) The provider of proposed child care services shall be selected by competitive contract. Requests for proposals shall be developed with the assistance of, and subject to the approval of, the Department of Management Services. Management of the contract with the service provider shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring state agency.

(5) An operator selected to provide services must comply with all state and local standards for the licensure and operation of child care facilities, maintain adequate liability insurance coverage, and assume financial and legal responsibility for the operation of the program. Neither the operator nor any personnel employed by or at a child care facility shall be deemed to be employees of the state. However, the sponsoring state agency may be responsible for the operation of the child care center when:

(a) A second request for proposals fails to procure a qualified service provider; or

(b) The service provider's contract is canceled and attempts to procure another qualified service provider are unsuccessful;

and plans for direct operation are approved by the Department of Management Services.

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(6) In the areas where the state has an insufficient number of employees to justify a worksite center, a state agency may join in a consortium arrangement utilizing available state facilities with not-for-profit corporations or other public employers to provide child care services to both public employees and employees of private sector employers. The consortium agreement must first address the unmet child care needs of the children of the public employees whose employers are members of the consortium, and then address the child care needs of private sector employees.

(7) The State Employee Child Care Revolving Trust Fund is hereby reestablished in the Department of Management Services.

(8) The Department of Management Services may adopt any rules necessary to achieve the purposes of this section.

History.--s. 1, ch. 85-118; s. 1, ch. 88-151; s. 8, ch. 89-277; s. 4, ch. 90-196; s. 1, ch. 91-184; s. 26, ch. 92-279; s. 55, ch. 92-326; s. 4, ch. 99-207; s. 1, ch. 99-304; s. 6, ch. 99-399; s. 5, ch. 2002-300; s. 890, ch. 2002-387.

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WHEREAS, the availability of affordable quality work site childcare in downtown Tallahassee will provide key employee support to those businesses dedicated to its economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the availability of quality childcare services in downtown Tallahassee will provide yet another attraction in the establishment of residential units in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the availability of affordable quality childcare in downtown Tallahassee during periods of peak activity in the capital city will provide an additional essential amenity; and

WHEREAS, section 110.151(6), Florida Statutes, authorizes the establishment of consortium arrangements between public employees and not-for-profit corporations to provide work site child care for both public and private employees; and

WHEREAS, Florida Initiatives, Inc. is exploring the feasibility of creating a section 110.151(6) childcare consortium in the downtown capital city center to provide quality work site childcare services; and

WHEREAS, Calhoun Street Downtown Babies, Inc., currently providing quality childcare in downtown Tallahassee, is operating at capacity and faced with lengthy waiting lists for infants and toddlers and has expressed an interest in exploring the feasibility of such a childcare consortium; and

WHEREAS, the state Department of Financial Services has identified available state facilities for utilization by such a downtown capital city consortium:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Tallahassee Downtown Improvement Authority ("the Board") as follows:

SECTION 1. The Board supports the efforts of Florida Initiatives, Inc. to determine the feasibility for the establishment of a downtown capital city consortium to provide affordable work site childcare facilities pursuant to section 110-151(6), Florida Statutes.

SECTION 2. The board urges the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County and the City Commission of the City of Tallahassee to participate in a working group established to explore the feasibility of such a childcare consortium in downtown Tallahassee.

Chair: [Signature] Secretary: [Signature]

Dated this 8th day of December 2003